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TO: Administrator
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FROM: Roderick Shaner, M.D.
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SUBJECT: CHANGE IN LPS DESIGNATION GUIDELINES

This is to advise that we have changed and standardized the terminology for individuals who have been authorized to detain others under Welfare and Institutions Code 5150 (WIC 5150) in the *LPS Designation Guidelines And Process For Facilities Within Los Angeles County* ["LPS Designation Guidelines"]. This language now more consistently distinguishes matters pertaining to *facilities* that are designated to receive and hold persons detained under WIC 5150 ("LPS designated facilities") from matters pertaining to *individuals* authorized by the County to detain persons under WIC 5150 ("5150 detention authorized individuals"). No other changes have been made.

Please replace any existing copies you have of the *LPS Designation Guidelines And Process For Facilities Within Los Angeles County*, Fifth Edition (Revised December 2010) with the current version posted on the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LAC DMH) website: ***LPS Designation Guidelines And Process For Facilities Within Los Angeles County, Fifth Edition (Revised December 2010; terminology updated February 2012)***. Also, please ensure the information is distributed to the appropriate personnel in your facility. Please contact Marion Czubiak, LPS Designation Coordinator, at 213-639-6315 should you need more information.

To access the updated LPS Designation Guidelines on the internet, type in <http://dmh.lacounty.gov>, then select: "For Providers"; "Clinical Tools"; "Clinical Practice"; then scroll down to the "3. Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Authorization and Designation" section, and lastly, select "*LPS Designation Guidelines And Process For Facilities Within Los Angeles County, Fifth Edition (Revised December 2010; terminology updated February 2012)*."

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

RS:mc

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